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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

We announce the name of Mr. WILLIAM A. HEMPHILL, our business manager, as the candidate of THE CONSTITUTION for state printer.

We refer to the course of our newspaper as a basis of our claims on the democratic party of Georgia, and to the general completeness and efficiency of our printing establishment as to our ability to promptly and properly perform the work.

FOR PUBLIC PRINTER.

To the Members of the General Assembly:

At the election for public printer in 1876 Col. R. A. Alston was elected. When he resigned, I was appointed to fill the vacancy by the governor. The law requires that the legislature shall elect a printer to fill this unexpired term. I am now in the midst of my work. I have had to spend a good deal of money to prepare for the discharge of the duties of the office. I respectfully announce myself as a candidate for the unexpired term and for the full term. I have done the work well, and for less money than the printing has cost since the war. I have rendered the best service I could to the democratic party, and respectfully solicit your support.

H. G. WRIGHT.

THE MINERS OF COAL CREEK.

They have gone to work, sure enough. The strike lasted just a month to a day. The terms on which it was ended are withheld from the public. There seems to be a deep mystery about the matter—at least, the Knoxville papers are very mysterious. There was a compromise, and there is to be "a small advance" in the miners' wages; but the dimensions of the "small advance" are left to the imagination. We are, however, assured that the coal companies will not advance the price of coal in consequence of the small advance in the wages of the conquering miners—which is very consoling and which is perhaps all that we have a right to concern ourselves about.

If our readers who are short of fuel can tide over the present week, we feel authorized to say that they will outweather this cruel famine in triumph. Our dealers will surely have next week supplies that will satisfy all comers. The days of coke, green wood, hard coal and other limited sources of heat, are numbered.

STATE PRINTER.

The elections are to be held during the present session for the state printer, one to fill the unexpired term of Col. R. A. Alston, who resigned, and another for the full term commencing next session. Mr. H. G. Wright, of the Augusta Chronicle and Sentinel, was appointed to fill the unexpired term, by Gov. Smith and the law requires the vacancy to be filled by election. This is his first term since his appointment; he is in the midst of his work, and has been at considerable expense in fitting up for it. We see no reason why there should be a change to finish the work of the present session. He is thoroughly competent and prepared to do the work, and as a simple act of justice we will not oppose his election for this unexpired term. We ask all our friends to vote for Mr. Wright for the unexpired term. THE CONSTITUTION, with Mr. Hemphill as its representative, is a candidate for the full term. Under the law the work of this term does not commence until the next session of the general assembly. We are well prepared to do all the work, and can guarantee entire satisfaction in all the departments. We have zealously maintained the rights of our party. We have at all times taken a bold and decided stand on questions affecting the state and her people, and when an office is to be given where there is remuneration, we think it is nothing but justice that it be given to the papers who have to fight the political battles.

GOV. SMITH'S VALEDICTORY.

The message that we print this morning is the closing act of five years' faithful and valuable service. There are no startling points in it; no recommendations that will occasion serious dispute. The five years of economy and good government had brought every part of the governmental machinery into such harmonious and efficient action that there was not much more to do than to present a summary of the work of the executive department during the year. The message does this in as few words as the varied interests of the state would permit. All are mentioned; and it seems appropriate that the most striking recommendation of the message should relate to subjects that are legitimate outgrowths of the new prosperity—direct trade and immigration. This recommendation finely caps Governor Smiths' record as an administrative officer. It is another step towards independence, which follows in the wake of good government. We commend the governor's earnest words on the twin subjects to the new legislature.

It was both fitting and proper that the retiring governor should mention the results achieved during his terms of office; and this he does with a modesty characteristic of the man. It is difficult to tell which of the principal achievements he takes the most pride in—the extension of public education, the improved financial condition of the state, the preservation of order or the impartial administration of justice. The great and manifest improvement of our condition—social, educational and industrial—are due, he says, to the home-bred common sense, the desire for progress and love of justice, which characterize the people of Georgia, and he claims "no greater credit than should be accorded to the humblest citizen who discharges his duty in his appropriate vocation." The people of Georgia will not forget these words.

In no part of the message does Governor Smith's good sense and sagacity shine more conspicuously than in the paragraphs devoted to federal politics. In sentences of rare terseness and clearness he puts the people of Georgia in a right position before the country. He expresses in a few words their views, and indicates what their action will be. If the people of the north desire to know how Georgia stands, let them accept without abatement Gov. Smith's statements.

Altogether the message is a model document—plain, practical and emphatic throughout. He closes with kind words towards the eminent citizen who has been called to the chief executive authority "by a majority unexampled in the annals of the state."

POINTS OF GOV. SMITH'S MESSAGE.

The financial condition of the state is presented clearly and briefly. The balance in the treasury, January 1, 1876, was $511,785,21; receipts in 1876, $2,332,933.38; disbursements in 1876, $2,290,435.26; balance, January 1, 1877, $564,283.33. The public debt amounts to $8,447,500, exclusive of indorsed bonds issued by the Macon and Brunswick, North and Louth and Memphis branch railroads.

The governor favorably mentions the North Georgia agricultural college, located at Dahlonega, and recommends an appropriation therefor.

He reviews with pardonable pride the growth of popular education during his term of office. In 1872 there were no public schools in the state; in 1876 every county had its school organization. In 1871 the school attendance was 49,578; in 1876 it was 179,405. He speaks of Commissioner Orr's noble efforts, and commends the school system to the fostering care of the legislature.

The valuable services rendered by the agricultural and geological bureaus are explained, and their continuance urged as necessary to the full development of the state.

Attention is called to the attorney general's report, and deserved mention made of his faithfulness and efficiency.

The report of the principal keeper of the penitentiary and the contracts for convicts are freely discussed. The penitentiary question is now disposed of for twenty years, and the governor thinks the result attained is the very best that circumstances would permit.

He commends the economical management of the lunatic asylum, and recommends an appropriation for changes and additions that would make provision for one hundred more patients. No greater accommodation will be required, the governor thinks, in "some years."

The reports from the deaf and dumb asylum, and the academy of the blind are briefly mentioned.

The governor states the leading facts embraced in the annual reports from the officers in charge of the state's three railroad elephants—the Macon and Brunswick, the North and South, and the Memphis Branch—but makes no recommendations concerning them.

This brings us to the subjects of direct trade and immigration, which are elaborately treated. The advantages that would accrue to the state from a direct line of ocean steamers are strongly stated. The governor advises an acceptance of the pending proposition for the establishment of a new line of steamers, at a cost to the state of $60,000 a year in gold for three years. The subsidy asked for being very reasonable, the governor thinks a contract should be closed at the earliest practicable day.

The public credit has been raised from thirty per cent. discount to a point above par; a floating debt amounting to $1,277,788 25 has been paid off; $6,500,000 of fraudeatly contracted debt has been cancelled; no increase of bonded debt has been authorized. Economy, justice, law and order have prevailed under democratic rule.

The governor's timely and patriotic remarks at the close of his last annual message will receive the approval of all fair-minded men who read them—and every citizen of the state should read them. He says that when the people of the northern states shall have decided what is proper to be done for the preservation of the right of self-government, the people of Georgia will be found ready to co-operate with them, and "to do their whole duty under any and all circumstances." No truer words were ever put on paper.

NEPOTISM and neuralgia seem to be confirmed habits with Grant. He has just appointed Alexander Sharpe, his brother-in-law, to the position of paymaster in the army, with the rank and pay of a major. Sharpe for the past eight years has been marshal of the district of Columbia. Grant's nepotism will be cured after the 5th of March, but we fear that his neuralgia is chronic.

WHEELER states that his visit to Hayes is merely for the purpose of renewing old friendship. We have had no doubt of this from the first. It was a practice, even among the Aborginees, to travel across four or five states in a parlor car to renew old friendship. We are glad Mr. Wheeler has been wise enough to resurrect one of the infirmities of our forefathers.

THERE is at least one prominent politician who is probably in favor of a new election, and that is Schurz. A new election would necessitate a new campaign, and Schurz makes more money in a campaign than any patriot in the country. He has several excellent orations that he could work off for a small consideration.

IT is now stated that Fred May was dangerously wounded by Jim Bennett in the late duel. This will astonish the public. Our understanding of the matter has been that Jim merely walked out between the sun and a pine tree and fired into the blue ether. It will thus be seen how easy it is for editors to be mistaken.

WE would be pleased to hear from Grant again. These Sunday evening chats make very entertaining reading. We trust Gobright will induce the old man to tell us what he thinks of Jim Bennett's war with May, and whether, in his opinion, such events justify the interference of the federal government.

THE investigation of the scheme on the part of Grant and Robeson's friends to break the report of Whitthorne's naval committee at the last session reveals the hideousness of radicalism. Murtagh, Grant's intimate friend, and the editor of his kitchen organ, plays a leading part in the wretched business.

WE have learned why Blanton Duncan is not for war. He announces himself as an ardent supporter of Hayes, "without reward or hope of office." The democratic party is to be congratulated on being thus easily rid of one of its most prominent nuisances.

BILL ORTON, the president of the Western Union telegraph company, has been carried to Washington under arrest. It is to be hoped he will be crammed into the coal hole in the house.

FOUR republicans voted with the democrats in the organization of the New Jersey house of representatives, and this result, it is stated, will elect a democratic senator in place of Frelinghuysen.

THE POPULAR UPRISING.

When the conspirators put the Ohio, Indiana and Illinois resolutions and the concluding portion of Gov. Smith's message, for example, together, they will begin to discover that their plot can not go on to consummation without provoking serious trouble. Ever since the election they have been declaring that the northern democrats dare not, and that the southern democrats would not, fight to inaugurate Tilden. They have persistently tried to stiffen the backbones of their supporters and to procure further support by declaring that there would not be much of a shower after all.

The conspirators have no longer any excuse for misapprehending the temper of the people. The Great West has spoken. The people of the eastern states, and especially of their great cities, will soon speak. They will soon pledge themselves to the people of the northwest in support of their common rights under the constitution.

The south will remain quiet, but ready to obey the commands of their friends at the north. Let the voice of the northeast reinforce that of the northwest without delay. Let all the moral forces of the country be brought to bear. Let the conservative members of congress know that the people want no compromise short of their constitutional rights; that they want no new election or other contrivance, but that they do want the man inaugurated who was elected. Let them further know that they have the hearty support of their constituents in all steps they may deem it wise to take to maintain the rights of the people.

THE SITUATION IN LOUISIANA.

The situation in Louisiana remains practically unchanged, with no probability that there will be any collision between the opposing forces unless it is precipitated by the Packard faction. It is reported that two of the members of the Packard house have withdrawn from that body, giving in formal speeches the reasons for their action. This would have left that body without a quorum, but a radical member, who has heretofore been absent, put in an appearance. The senate, however, is still without a quorum. In the ballot yesterday for United States senator for the short term, Pinchback received the largest vote, and his friends claim that he is easily master of the situation. The copper-colored moke seems to have no other ambition than to sit in the United States senate where he can listen to the quavering voice of the diseased and flatulent statesman from Indiana.

OUR telegrams state that the senate committee on counting the vote have, with one dissenting vote, decided that the president of the senate has no right to count the electoral vote.

REV. STUART ROBINSON, of Louisville, has recovered $10,000 damages of the proprietors of the old St. Louis Democrat in a suit for libel.

JIM BENNETT'S duel has probably cured his wounded honor, but has it cured the bruises caused by the jolting May gave him.

GRANT and his friends thought they would Murtagh Whitthorne, but Whitthorne thought they wouldn't and they didn't.

W. B. SCOTT, a colored democrat, has been made porter of the Tennessee senate.

MR. DAVID DUDLEY FIELD has been seated in the house.

The Secretary of State.

Editors Constitution: Will you allow me space in your paper to say to the members of the general assembly that I was almost disposed to withdraw my name as a candidate for secretary of state, but on consultation with friends and upon reflection I have concluded to run the race through, and after putting my hands to the plow, not to look back.

I will state to the members generally that I shall not button-hole any one for his vote or influence, shall run on the principles that the representatives of the people are too intelligent to be swerved from justice by combination rings or anything that I might say to them personally.

Having set forth my platform in a circular laid on each desk in the two houses if it is not sufficient to merit the support of the members, and one more competent should be elected, I will most gracefully acquiesce if the success ful candidate is put on the platform of democracy that has given Gov. Colquitt and Mr. Tilden over 80,000 majority in Georgia, making her the banner state in the union. Let us then practice what we preach. I have no combination of any kind; will employ competent clerks to aid me; if I shall be successful in performing all I have said I will in the circulars referred to have no one armed or one legged soldiers to elicit the votes while I appreciate them; I could claim some interest in the late war; served nearly two years as a private; would not have office; and a campaign in the Indian wars forty years ago, but claim nothing from them; solicit the office with the pledge faithfully to discharge the duties as the same requires; can only refer to the names as expressed on my circular as a guarantee that I will do what I have promised, making a donation of the historical facts in relation to Georgia for the last century to each county, placing it in the reach of all free of charge, the information much needed in our state; relying upon a liberal people for remuneration from private sales of the work when completed. I might say much more but deem it unnecessary.

In conclusion, I will say I shall never again ask for anything of the public. I never have held, as stated, a civil commission. I will gracefully retire without any returning boards or investigating committees, if defeated.

I will be pleased to make the acquaintance of each member. I will remain in Atlanta a few days. Respectfully.

WM. M. ANDERSON.

Central America.

PANAMA, January 11.—Negotiations for peace are passing between the commander in chief of the rebels in Antigua and the secretary of foreign relations of the national government.

The United States steamers Pensacola and Omaha are still in Porte. The Lackswanna was at Matanas, December 27.

News has been received here of a bloody battle fought at Galls Ecuador on the 14th ult., between the constitutional army, 2,500 strong, and the revolutionary forces, which ended in the routing of the former. Both sides fought bravely, loosing altogether about 4,000 killed and a much larger number wounded. When the news of the disaster reached Ququiro, president Borreo left the palace and took refuge, so said, at the Columbian. The legation of white citizens is pronounced in favor of the revolution, and the revolutionary forces would probably enter Ququiro on the 5th ult., in which event it was expected they would put an end to war in that republic.

SNARING WHITTHORNE

THE PRESIDENT EMPLOYS A LEWD WOMAN TO ABDUCT A DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSMAN.

Gov. Nicholls, of Louisiana, in the Full Exercise of his Authority.

Organization of the New Jersey Legislature.

Pres. Mac Said to be Dangerously Wounded.

The Texas Pacific Railroad Bill Reported Favorably.

The Senate Committee Decides that Forty has no Right to Count the Votes.

THE POLITICAL CENTRE.

THE REPUBLICAN PLOT AGAINST MR. WHITTHORNE.

A Disgraceful Plot—The Arrest of President Orton—Runyan Discharged—The Work of Congress—Hearing from New Orleans.

WASHINGTON, January 11.—The senate during the morning hour passed the house bill, making appropriations to supply the deficiencies in the contingent fund of the house of representatives with various amendments of an important character.

Mr. Morton, from committee on privileges and elections, submitted a resolution discharging Enos Runyan, of the firm of Martin & Runyan, bankers and brokers of Wall street, New York, from the custody of the sergeant-at-arms, he having testified before the committee and thus purged himself of contempt.

The Pacific R. R. committee agreed unanimously to report the bill. It leaves the conflicting branches from New Orleans, an open question.

The judiciary committee had no meeting.

In the committee investigating the police board Mr. Richards, chief of the police testified that Murtagh, the president of the board had requested him to watch Representative Whitthorne, and if found in any questionable place to arrest him.

The motion was to break the force of the report of the naval committee. The scheme does not appear to have been a plot to entice Whitthorne into danger, but to arrest him on any trivial pretext.

It transpired with the committee investigating the police board that Murtagh suggested to Richards, in case Whitthorn did not visit disreputable places, that some woman be employed to entice him. Richards swears pretended willingness to comply with Murtagh's suggestions. Murtagh called the new police board together, but his colleagues did not appear as stated. The president intends signing the bill abolishing the board as soon as he reaches it.

WASHINGTON, January 11.—The House passed the consular and diplomatic and military academy appropriation bill, the former in the way of reducing salaries, were defeated.

The senate discussed the bill for the perfect revision of the statues all day.

Nominations—Stewart L. Woodford attorney southern district New York; Elias Griswold, judge northern district Florida.

Gen. Auger's dispatch to-day contains nothing of importance.

The president, secretary of war and Sheridan were in consultation to-day.

Mrs. Berthelot and Miss Henderson, daughters of John Henderson, convicted of whisky frauds, left for Mt. Vernon, West Virginia, this evening with their father's pardon.

Runyan, the New York banker, testified that he drew the check of $8,000 for Conrad N. Jourdan, cashier of the Third national bank. As far as witness knew W. T. Pelton had no connection with the draft. The banker Dimond, under restraint, was examined in secret session, but his books threw no light on the $8,000

Alexander Sharp was nominated today as paymaster of the army, with the rank of major. He is the president's brother-in-law, and has for nearly eight years been United States marshal for the District of Columbia.

The senate had a short executive session, but made no southern confirmations.

David Dudly Field, of New York, was seated in the house to-day.

It is understood the senate committee on counting the vote have decided with one dissenting vote that the president of the senate cannot count the vote.

The report that the committee had agreed upon a bill is premature.

The attorney-general has made no progress in forming an opinion which is to guide the president as to which is the legal legislature of Louisiana. Information is wanted, but from what source and as to what points is unknown. The attorney-general declines to talk about it.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—The greater part of the claims for the proceeds of captured and abandoned cotton and other property, not barred by statute, were ascertained by judgments and recoveries of claimants thereon in the court of claims from the year 1867 to 1876 inclusive, the total being $11,530,939. Most of the pending suits brought after the time limited by the statute, involve claims in the aggregate amounting to $12,000,000. Of many other claims apparently pending, no action had been taken for a long time, and therefore the assistant attorney general moved to dismiss them for want of prosecution. There were 2,196 suits. The motion was granted in 1,890 cases, and 1,217 were dismissed by consent of claimants. The aggregate amount of claims thus disposed of was $13,138,686.

ORTON'S ARREST.

Every Effort Will Be Made to Secure the Secrecy of the Dispatches.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—Mr. Wm. Orton, president of the Western Union Telegraph company, was taken to Washington this morning on the 9:30 limited express, in custody of the deputy sergeant-at-arms of the house of representatives.

Officers of the company state that every lawful means will be resorted to for the secrecy of dispatches passing through the company's offices. They also state that the present time is the most opportune one for pushing their demands to that end.

NEW YORK, January 11.—In connection with President Orton's arrest the officers of the Western Union telegraph company state that every lawful means will be resorted to for insuring the secrecy of dispatches passing through their offices. They also state that the present time is most opportune for pushing their demands to that end.

Wronknow & Co., wholesale dealers in fancy goods and notions, have failed. Liabilities $150,000.

Fire at Long Branch.

LONG BRANCH, N. J., January 11.—The Central Hotel and several adjoining buildings burned at three this morning. The loss was about $4,000. The hotel was owned by Mr. Samuel Cohen, of New York.

A Fatal Railroad Accident.

CINCINNATI, January 11.—A passenger train on the Lexington and Big Sandy railroad ran off the track near Olive station, Kentucky, yesterday, catching the engineer's legs off and injuring four passengers, the latter not seriously.

LOUISIANA.

ALL QUIET IN THE URBICENT CITY.

Packard Trying to Organize a Militia—The Democrat Indicate—Pinchback's Work for the Senate.

NEW ORLEANS, January 11.—There is no change in the situation this morning, and the orders of General Augur virtually forbidding any aggressive movements by either party will doubtless prevent any collision. All eyes are turned to Washington watching events there.

Governor Packard has commissioned A. S. Badger, major-general of the Louisiana state national guard and ordered him to organize the first division to-day.

The republicans in calling up the situation this morning admits that if force is to decide the question of the supremacy the republicans are powerless against their opponents, who it says are fully organized, equipped and trained in the use of arms.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 11, 2 P. M.—Two members of the republican house, Mr. Barrett, of Rapides, and Mr. Kennedy, of St. Charles, are just reported as having withdrawn from that body and giving their reasons therefore in speeches.

The republican legislature had one ballot for United States senator this evening. The result was as follows: Pinchback, 30; Antone, 21; Louis, 13; Beattie, 12; Anderson, 4; and scattering, 6. The republican senate is still without a quorum; one member of the house came in to-day, and that body still has a quorum. Pinchback's friends claim that he is master of the senatorial situation. No disturbance.

THE NEW JERSEY LEGISLATURE.

A Democratic Speaker and a Republican Clerk — An Uncomfortably Close Result.

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 11.—The house has organized by the election of R. F. Robe (democrat) speaker, John Y. Foster (republican) clerk; J. H. Potts (republican) assistant clerk, G. Goble (republican) engrossing clerk, John R. Fell (republican) sergeant-at-arms, W. H. Brown (democrat) assistant sergeant-at-arms, Sam. W. Bell (democrat) doorkeeper, and E. R. Smith (republican) assistant doorkeeper. The vote was 34 to 28, four republicans voting with the democrats.

TRENTON, January 11.—The four republicans who voted with the democrats on the organization of the house are Van Rensselaer, Howell, Wightman and Vail. This result secures a democratic United States senator in place of Frelinghuysen.

ACROSS THE CONTINENT.

Action of the Congressional Committee on the Southern Pacific.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—The Pacific railroad committee at its session to-day instructed the chairman, Mr. Lamar of Mississippi, to report favorably the bill which has been under consideration last session and this, for granting government aid for a southern transcontinental railroad.

One of the principal obstacles in the way of the committee arriving at a satisfactory conclusion as to its report was the rival claims of the Texas & Pacific represented by Col. Scott, and the Southern Pacific of California, represented by Mr. Huntington. These two interests, however, having been on behalf of his company having fully accepted the provisions and limitations of the Texas and Pacific bill as introduced last session by Mr. Atkins of Tennessee, namely, that this new Pacific railroad should always remain an open highway, subject to the control of congress, the committee has at last reached a favorable conclusion.

The bill, as reported by Mr. Lamar, provides for the construction of a main line from Fort Worth, the present western terminus of the Texas & Pacific road via El Paso to San Diego, California, a distance of 1280 miles. The government is to guarantee the interest, not the principal, on the 5 per cent. 50 year gold bonds of the main line from Fort Worth and Fort Yunan, a distance of about 1080 miles. That portion of the line lying between Fort Worth and a point one hundred miles west of El Paso is to be constructed by the Texas & Pacific company, and from that point to San Diego by the Southern Pacific railroad company. The branches provided for in the bill are:

First, One from Shreveport or Marshall to New Orleans.

Second, One from Jefferson to Memphis.

Third, From Shreveport to Vicksburg.

Fourth, One from Venita, Indian Territory, to intersect with the Texas Pacific at some point east of the 103d meridian. The government guaranteeing the interest, not the principal, upon the bonds of the company's constructing the main line at a rate not to exceed $35,000 per mile, and upon the branches at a rate of $30,000 per mile, but bonds only to the amount of the actual cost of construction are to be issued. If the road can be built for $20,000 or $25,000 per mile, bonds only to that amount are to be issued.

To secure the government for this guarantee, the several companies are required to execute a first mortgage upon the whole property of the company, and upon their land grants from the United States and the state of Texas. In addition the government is to retain all dues for military and postal transportation, and telegraph service, and to have a lien on such a part of the savings of the company and the entire proceeds of the sale of their lands as may be necessary to provide for the prompt payment of the current interest on their bonded debt.

The bill contains stringent provisions prohibiting combinations with existing Pacific railroad companies, and requires a perfect reciprocity in traffic of connecting roads now in existence and hereafter to be built, thereby forever remaining an open highway.

It is proper to say that this measure shows unmistakable strength in congress from the belief that the commencement of work on this great enterprise would revive the industries of the whole country, and especially those of the south. The superiority of the route is universally acknowledged, being shorter from New York to the Pacific by nearly 300 miles, and lying so far south as to escape the snow blockades, which is so ugly a feature of winter traffic on the Pacific road, and that, with its branches to New Orleans, Vicksburg, Memphis and St. Louis, it would place the whole country within easy access to this southern transcontinental highway.

ACCIDENTS BY RAIL.

An Atlanta Man the Victim in one of Them.

RICHMOND, VA., Jan. 11.—A passenger car on the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad went down a forty foot embankment into the frozen Greenbrier river. The ice supported the car. Seven were hurt, none fatally. Mrs. Hall, of White Sulphur Springs, had her leg broken.

ALEXANDRIA, VA., January 11.—The night train over the Virginia Midland road, hence south at 2:45 this morning, encountered a broken rail near Manassas. The sleeper from Boston to Danville and the sleeper from Washington to New Orleans left the track. The obstruction was removed. The train was running on schedule. Among the wounded are Capt. Stokes Boyd, of Florida, slightly, and W. A. McAllister, of Atlanta. Most of the passengers were invalids on their way to Florida. Of the wounded all have comparatively slight injuries, except Mr. Lyle, of Pennsylvania, and the negro porter, the former of whom, being over seventy years of age, may not recover.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION—SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

The Mansion Under Way—Reading of Governor Smith's Last Annual Message—A Number of Valuable Recommendations Counting the Gubernatorial Vote, etc.

ATLANTA, Jan. 11, 1877.

THE SENATE.

The senate met at 10 o'clock. President LESTER in the chair.

After the reading of the journal, the call of the roll for the introduction of bills was read.

The senators were apparently not quite ready for business, as only one respond was made to the call, that being—

Senator RUTHERFORD, of the 23d, who introduced a purely local bill touching the collection of insolvent costs due the solicitor general in the county of Crawford.

It is hoped from the above fact that there is a very slight burden of legislation before the senate, and that the usual mass of business will be lacking this session.

UPON THE CALL FOR MOTIONS,

not a senator rose to his feet, and—

The PRESIDENT, then despairing of getting a spurt from the grave and reserved body over which he presided, announced that

DEBATE WAS IN ORDER.

Even this announcement, which usually brings a dozen senators to their feet, failed to provoke a single respondent. The members sat quietly in their seats, conversing softly, and awaiting the arrival of the governor's message. This was received at 10:30 o'clock, and upon motion of Senator McDANIEL, was at once read.

[The message will be found in full upon the second page of this paper.]

During the reading of the message, a message was received from the house, announcing that a resolution had been passed by that body, asking that the two houses of the general assembly of Georgia meet in joint session at 12 o'clock, to receive and count the vote

CAST FOR GOVERNOR

in the October election of the present year.

At the conclusion of the reading of the message, Senator BLACK moved that the senate concur in the house resolution.

Senator FELTON amended by moving that the house resolution be made the special order immediately after the reception of the votes cast for the governor.

Senator GODFREY, of the 28th, moved a joint resolution, making Saturday, the 13th, be selected as the day on which the election of state officers shall take place. Passed unanimously.

The PRESIDENT then placed in the hands of the secretary a notice of contest for the seat of Senator Saddox, of the 4th, filed by Daniel Butler, (colored.)

A message was then received from the governor, accompanied by the

VOTES CAST FOR GOVERNOR

in the late election. The votes were brought in in a huge basket, borne by two muscular colored brothers. It was then moved, the house concurring that the two houses meet in joint session at 12, and that the president and speaker unite in counting and publishing the vote cast, and declare the governor-elect, and that the inauguration of the person declared elected take place on Friday at 12.

Senator McDANIEL [illegible] consultation could be had with the governor elect. Ordered as amended.

Senator CABANISS, of the 22d, moved that the Governor's message be referred to the proper committees, and that 500 copies be printed for the use of the senate. Passed.

Senator GODFREY then amended his motion concerning the election for state officers by specifying in the resolution the offices of comptroller general, secretary state, state treasurer and state printer. Passed.

The senate then went to the house to witness the counting of the vote.

Upon the reassembling of the senate a message from the house was received asking that a committee of the senate be appointed to act with a similar committee from the house to wait upon the governor, announce his election and ascertain when it will suit his convenience to be inaugurated. The motion was carried, and Messrs. Felton and Maddox were appointed.

The committee reported that Governor-elect Colquitt would like Friday, the 12 inst., at 12 m, as the time of inauguration.

A joint resolution from the house setting this time was agree was agreed to.

Senate then adjourned.

THE VISIT TO THE GOVERNOR ELECT.

The joint committee appointed to wait on the governor-elect found that distinguished person in the room of the speaker of the house.

Mr. Felton, chairman of the committee, notified the governor of the object of the call of the committee, and asked him if he had any objection to the inauguration taking place on to-day.

"None in the world," he replied, adding with a smile, "unless it is because it is Friday."

This remark seemed to arouse the superstitious fears of Representative Hood, of Randolph. This gentleman most stoutly opposed committing so important a matter as the inauguration of a governor to this day of bad repute. He voted steadily for Saturday.

The committee finally agreed, however, upon Friday, and then adjourned.

THE HOUSE.

The house was called to order at 10 a. m. by Speaker BACON.

Prayer by Representative STEWART of Spalding.

RECONSIDERATION.

Representative HOOD moved to reconsider action on agreeing to a resolution to appoint a committee on rules, which motion prevailed.

COUNTING THE GUBERNATORIAL VOTE.

Representative FRY offered the following resolution:

The term of his Excellency, James M. Smith as governor of Georgia, having expired by law, and it being a duty incumbent upon this general assembly to open and publish the election returns and inaugurate the successor of Gov. Smith,

Resolved by the house of representatives, the senate concurring, that on Friday the 12th day of January, at 12 m., the members of each branch of the general assembly do convene in the representative hall, and the president of the senate and speaker of the house shall open and publish in the presence of the general assembly the election returns for governor, and the person found to have received a majority of the whole number of votes given shall be declared elected governor of this state, and shall be inaugurated as such on to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

Representative JAMES moved to amend by counting the vote to-day, which was accepted, and the resolution agreed to and transmitted to the senate.

THE PAGES.

Representative WALSH offered a resolution that the speaker be authorized to appoint four pages.

Representative ALLRED objected to the resolution. Pages were unknown before the reign of Rufus the First. He moved to strike out four and insert two.

Representative WALSH favored economy as much as any member. But pages were a necessity, and he considered it practical economy to expedite the business of the house.

Representative BLOODWORTH opposed the resolution. The democratic party was pledged to retrenchment and reform. Before the war assistant doorkeepers, messenger and pages were unknown. Jesse Ochs, a cripple, discharged all the duties at $5 per diem. Why incur an expense of $25 to $30 per day when the country from Dade to Chatham is groaning under taxation.

Representative NORTHEN offered an amendment that the speaker be authorized to appoint four pages, and their pay be fixed at $1.50 per diem. The amendment was agreed to by yeas 109, nays 30.

THE CHAPLAIN.

Representative COX, of Troup, moved to take from the table the resolution authorizing the speaker to appoint a chaplain.

Representative BLACK favored the motion, and the resolution prevailed.

Representative FRY offered a substitute that the speaker appoint a committee of three to secure the services of a chaplain which substitute did not prevail.

Representative HOOD said that the expenses of the last house did not meet the approbation of the people, and if this house did not reduce their expenses constituents would not be satisfied. He did not come here specially as a reformer. He did not manage his own finances as successfully as he might, and therefore did not propose to manage the finances of the state.

He had been approached by ministers electioneering for the chaplaincy. He considered this a desecration of their holy office. He had no objection to prayer, but rather liked it. Perhaps he had not prayed enough himself, and the prayer of the chaplain might do him good. He was more of a hard-shell Baptist, and favored free grace. The prayer of a man who prayed voluntarily and without pay would have more effect than one praying at five dollars per diem. All these things are small matters, separately considered, but aggregate largely. We had better pause and reflect.

Representative MATHEWS, of Talbot, believed in retrenchment and reform; but why commence at the foot of the ladder. He didn't want the representatives of the people to go begging for prayers. The ministry must live, and why demand that they shall render service without charge, when we demand pay for our own? Shall we compel the speaker every morning to go about drumming for volunteers to pray gratuitously?

Representative MILLER offered an amendment that the chaplain be selected from the resident ministry of Atlanta, and the salary be fixed at $100.

Representative McDONALD said that he never ascended a ladder without making the first step from the bottom. He believed in the prayers of the righteous, but did not favor the selection of a chaplain from any one denomination. A committee could secure the services of ministers from all the denominations without pay.

Representative HAWES favored paying a chaplain.

Representative STANFORD offered a substitute, fixing the pay at $50.

Representative CANDLER favored paying the chaplain what has been paid them before the war, and moved to strike out $50 and insert $150, which was lost by yeas, 56; nays, 74.

Representative BLOODWORTH said before the war the messenger secured the services of a chaplain free of charge, without confining it to any denomination.

Representative FRY moved to strike out $50 and insert $100, which prevailed, by yeas, 99; nays, 45.

Representative RICHARDSON wished to introduce as a compromise that a committee of three be appointed to secure the service of prayer for the house from ministers of all denominations in this city, to whom $150 be paid pro rata. Ruled out of order.

The substitute of Representative Stanford was [illegible]

SIDE DOOR KEEPERS.

Representative JAMES offered a resolution that the speaker be authorized to appoint, at his convenience, two side door keepers and one gallery keeper, and that their pay be fixed at $3 per diem.

On motion of Representative HOOD, it was temporarily tabled.

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

The annual message of Governor Smith was transmitted to the house through J. W. Warren, his secretary. On motion, the message was taken up and read.

On motion of Representative AWTRY, the message and documents were referred to appropriate committees.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message was received from the senate through its secretary, Hon. W. A. Harris, announcing that the senate had concurred in the resolution to count the gubernatorial vote with an amendment striking out all relating to the inauguration of Gov. Colquitt.

On motion the house concurred in the amendment.

COUNTING THE VOTE.

A message was received from the senate through Hon. W. A. Harris, its secretary, transmitting the election returns.

At 12 m. the senate came into the hall, the house rising to receive them.

Hon. RUFUS E LESTER, president of the senate, on taking the speaker's chair, announced the object to be to count and publish the vote for governor, and read the clause of the constitution bearing on the subject. In order to facilitate the counting, a joint committee of two from the senate and three from the house would be appointed to act as tellers.

President LESTER appointed on the part of the senate Senators Freeman and Felton.

Speaker BACON appointed on the part of the house Representatives Black, James and Turner.

Senator HOWELL enquired as to the power of that committee, whether they could count out Gen. Colquitt.

President LESTER replied that the president of the senate and speaker of the house constituted the returning board.

The returns were opened.

The PRESIDENT announced that 144,839 votes were cast for governor, of which Colquitt received 111,297 and Norcross 33,444. He declared General Colquitt duly elected.

The senate returned to their chamber at 2:15 p. m.

TENDERED SEATS.

On motion of Representative HOOD seats were tendered to W. D. Kiddoo, J. F. Flewellen and W. M. Tumlin.

On motion of Representative DUGGER a seat was tendered Prof. Beal, of N. C.

On motion of Representative FORT seats were tendered Thomas Eason and A. G. McArthur.

HOURS OF MEETING.

Representative CLOUD offered a resolution that the hours of meeting be fixed at 9:30 a. m. and 2:30 p. m. and of adjournment at 12:30 p. m. and 4:30 p. m.

On motion of Representative WALSH the resolution was indefinitely postponed.

PRINTING THE MESSAGE.

On motion of Representative JORDAN, of Hancock, 500 copies of the governor's message were ordered to be printed for the use of the house.

THE INAUGURATION.

Representative CANDLER offered a resolution to appoint a committee of two from the senate and three from the house to wait upon the governor-elect, Gen. A. H. Colquitt, inform him of his election, and ascertain at what time it will suit his convenience to be inaugurated; which was agreed to.

The SPEAKER appointed on the part of the house, Representatives Candler, Carlton and Hood.

The senate concurred in the resolution, and Senators Felton and Mattox were appointed on the part of the senate.

A message was received from the senate announcing that they had passed a resolution to appoint a joint committee to notify Gov. Smith of Gov. Colquitt's election, and had appointed on the part of the senate, Senators McDaniel and Harkness.

Representative JAMES moved to amend by adding that the committee have charge of the occasion, and that Gov. Smith be invited to be present, which was agreed to and the resolution concurred in.

Representative CANDLER, from the special committee reported the committee had waited on Gov. Colquitt, and that he had indicated Friday, (to-morrow), at 12 m. as the time for inauguration.

Representative CANDLER offered a resolution that the senate and house assemble in the hall of representatives at 12 m. to-morrow to administer the oath of office to Gen. A. H. Colquitt, the governor elect, which was agreed to.

CALLING FOR REPORTS.

Representative NORTHEN offered a resolution that the secretary of state, comptroller-general and treasurer report the amount of salaries and fees of their several offices by to-morrow morning.

Representative JAMES moved to amend by striking out "to-morrow" and inserting "Monday," which prevailed, and the resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

MORE ABOUT DOORKEEPERS.

Representative JAMES moved to take from the table his resolution, authorizing the speaker to appoint side doorkeepers and gallery keeper, which motion did not prevail.

Representative MATHEWS, of Pike, offered a resolution that the house dispense with assistant doorkeeper and assistant messenger.

Representative MOSES offered a substitute that the speaker appoint a committee of three to ascertain the number of assistants necessary and the most economical way of obtaining them, which was agreed to.

The SPEAKER appointed as said committee Representatives Moses, Matthews, of Pike, and Turnbull.

REVISING THE RULES.

Representative STEWART, of Spalding, called from the table the resolution to appoint a committee to revise the rules, and moved that the committee be increased to five, and that the speaker be chairman of the committee, which was agreed to.

INVESTIGATION.

Representative MOSES offered a resolution to investigate charges against the comptroller general which was agreed to.

Representative JAMES moved to adjourn until

MESSAGE.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
ATLANTA, GA., January 10, 1877.

To the General Assembly:

I have the honor to communicate to the General Assembly such information as is deemed proper, in reference to the condition of the Commonwealth, and to suggest, for their consideration, the measures thought necessary and expedient.

The cash balance in the treasury, January 1, 1876, as shown by the Treasurer's report of that date, was $511,785.21. The amount received into the treasury during the last fiscal year, as will appear by reference to the reports of the Comptroller General and of the Treasurer, herewith submitted, was $2,332,933.38.

The disbursements during the last fiscal year amounted to $2,280,435.26. The objects for which these disbursements were made are particularly stated in the accompanying reports. The balance remaining in the treasury, January 1, 1877, was $564,283.33.

The public debt, as shown by said reports, including the bonds maturing the present year, amounts to $8,447,500. This statement does not include the bonds of the Macon and Brunswick Railroad Company, and of the North and South Railroad Company, indorsed by the State, and for the payment of which the liability of the State is recognized. The sum necessary to meet the annual interest upon these bonds, should be included in the appropriation made for the payment of the accruing interest on the public debt.

In accordance with the provisions of the Act approved February 24, 1876, five hundred and forty-two 7 per cent. bonds of the State, of $1,000 each, were executed, for the purpose of funding the accrued interest upon bonds of the Macon and Brunswick Railroad Company, and of the North and South Railroad Company, for which the State was liable. The disposition made of these bonds, and of the proceeds arising from the sale thereof, is fully shown in the accompanying annual and special reports of the Treasurer.

The attention of the General Assembly is respectfully called to the estimates of the probable receipts and disbursements at the treasury during the present fiscal year. I also commend to your consideration, the several amendments of the law suggested by the Comptroller General.

STATE UNIVERSITY.

For particular information in regard to the condition of the State University, of the College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts, and of the branch of the latter established at Dahlonega, the General Assembly is respectfully referred to the accompanying reports.

The receipts for the last collegiate year, from all sources, including $5,000 of the special appropriation by the Legislature for the purchase of apparatus, amounted to $41,820.99, and the expenditures for the same period were $39,449.63. I would invite special attention to the report of the Board of Trustees of the North Georgia Agricultural College, located at Dahlonega. This institution was attended by over three hundred students during the past year. Fifty of these, in the latter part of the year, became teachers and instructors of over four thousand children in the common schools of the State. From all the information I have received, this college is performing its whole duty to the public, as an institution of learning, and I respectfully recommend that the sums asked for its benefit by the Board of Trustees, be appropriated.

COMMON SCHOOLS.

The attention of the General Assembly is specially invited to the accompanying report of the State School Commissioner, and to the suggestions and recommendations therein set forth. The report presents a most gratifying exhibit of the operations of the Department of Education during the past year, and shows that, from small beginnings, our system of popular instruction, notwithstanding all obstacles, has already attained a degree of usefulness most creditable to the State. Financial embarrassments arising from a misappropriation of its lawful resources, the impoverished condition of our people, and, I regret to add, some difference of opinion as to the wisdom of any system of education at the public expense, have been the chief difficulties with which we have had to contend. I am pleased to be able to state, however, that these obstacles are fast disappearing, and that our school system bids fair to be planted, at an early day, on a foundation so firm and enduring as to defy the form of opposition or political intrigue.

A brief resume of the history of popular education since the entry on the duties of the Executive office, may not be out of place in this, my last annual communication to the General Assembly. Our system of Common Schools, although organized at an earlier day, did not really go into effect until the year 1873. We had a Common School Commissioner, and a tax for the support of schools had been levied and collected. Schools had been put into operation in some of the counties and teachers employed; but at the close of the year 1871, there existed a school debt in various counties of the State amounting to more than $300,000. This debt was due to school officers and teachers, for services rendered by them to that date. The school fund, which amounted October 1, 1871, to $327,083.09, had been, in violation of the Constitution of the State, diverted from its lawful object, and appropriated to the payment of legislative and other expenses of the government. While teachers and school officers clamored for their pay, there was nothing to the credit of the school fund in the treasury. Almost universal distrust of the system itself prevailed, and it was feared that it had received a fatal blow in the very first years of its existence.

From the lack of means to pay the teachers, no schools were taught in the year 1872, and the Commissioner devoted his attention to systematizing the work under the law passed in August of that year. Not only the accumulated debts had to be paid, but it was also necessary to raise funds to revive and re-establish schools. The Legislature of 1872 provided that a tax should be levied to raise money to pay the claims of teachers and school officials. Under the operation of this law, $174,000 was raised and paid to claimants, and by other legislation, since adopted, these local debts have been almost entirely extinguished. In the year 1873, schools were again put in operation, and have increased in number until every county of the State has its school organization. Means for the support of schools are regularly and punctually supplied, and no well founded claim upon the school fund, in any county in the State, remains unsatisfied.

While these facts are most gratifying, the increased interest and confidence in the system are forcibly exhibited by the following figures, taken from the Commissioner's Report:

School attendance in 1871 was, whites	42,914
" " " colored	6,664
Total	49,578
The attendance in 1873 was, whites	63,922
" " colored	19,755
Total	83,677
Attendance in 1874 was, whites	93,167
" " colored	42,374
Total	145,541
Attendance in 1875 was, whites	105,990
" " colored	50,359
Total	156,349
Attendance in 1876 was, whites	121,418
" " colored	57,987
Total	179,405
Increase of attendance over that of 1875	23,011

The amount of money raised for the support of the School System, since my induction to office, is as follows:

Am't raised under Act of 1872, for paym't of School debts of 1871	$ 174,000
Amount apportioned for support of Schools in 1873	250,000
" " " " 1874	265,000
Amt apport'n'd and p'd for " " " 1875	291,319
" " " " 1876	291,319
Total	$1,271,638

It is but due to certain communities in this State to add, that with a public spirit most praiseworthy, the above sum has been supplemented by annual local city and county appropriations, to the amount of between $140,000 and $150,000.

In this connection, I take pleasure in bearing testimony to the ability and fidelity with which the present Commissioner has discharged the various and difficult duties of his office. To him, in a great measure, belongs the credit of having achieved success for the system in the face of grave obstacles, by public discussions, both oral and written, and by faithful, untiring energy in the discharge of his official duties. He has done much towards removing popular prejudice against the system, and to place its merits in a light to be readily understood by the public mind.

We have only to go forward as we have commenced, in order to perfect our system of education, and to place Georgia in the position of proud pre-eminence among her sister States. Existing in the system should be carefully remedied and amended, and by a judicious administration of details.

I respectfully commend to the favorable consideration of the General Assembly, the suggestion—more than once urged by the State School Commissioner—that the donation annually made to the Atlanta University be withdrawn from that object, and be devoted to the establishment of Normal Schools for the education of colored teachers. Argument is not needed to demonstrate that by this change, useful learning would be diffused among the colored people, and economy be accomplished.

I earnestly commend the recommendations in the report of the Commissioner of Agriculture, and of the State Geologist, herewith transmitted.

In 1874, I had the honor of recommending to the Legislature the establishment of a Department of Agriculture. In February of that year, an Act was passed in accordance with said recommendation, and the department was organized and put into practical operation. The experience of only two years has demonstrated that it is one of the most valuable adjuncts of the State government. The detection and prevention of fraud in the manufacture of fertilizers, has already saved to the people of the State many times the entire expense of the department; while the discovery, through its agency, of cheaper manurial agents, has greatly reduced the cost of production. The collection and dissemination of information respecting the various questions of farm economy, have excited an active interest and a spirit of inquiry and experiment among practical agriculturists throughout the State, and have resulted in the adoption of improved methods of husbandry, and in the multiplication of our industrial resources.

The Legislature of 1874, which organized the Department of Agriculture, also had the honor of providing for the appointment of a State Geologist, and for a geological survey of the State. The work has been prosecuted vigorously and intelligently. There have been already collected at the capitol more than ten thousand specimens of mineral rocks, fossils, plants and woods, appropriately arranged and labeled according to counties. A general geological map of the State has been prepared, showing the formations which contain the various minerals useful in the arts and valuable for commerce. The characteristic soils have been collected from all the counties visited and the vegetation peculiar to each noted.

One effect of the survey already observed, is the attraction of foreign capital to the State, and its employment in remunerative work in the long abandoned mines of the *gold region*. The discovery of immense beds of marl in the south and *western* portions of the State, is another interesting and highly important result of the survey. The value of the information already obtained, and yet to be acquired, from the labors in this department, can hardly be over-estimated. We have never fully appreciated, because we have not understood, the great value of our inheritance. The comparative analyses of the virgin soils of the State, show a variety and fertility unsurpassed by any region of the earth. Georgia has water power sufficient to drive the looms and spindles of the world, and a mineral wealth whose extent is almost beyond computation.

But these, as well as other inviting fields of enterprise, will probably remain neglected, if not upturned by scientific investigation. When the "Mineralogical, Geological and Physical survey" of the State shall have been completed, and the grand results officially promulgated, a powerful impetus will be given to the development of our material resources, and a new era of prosperity and progress will dawn upon Georgia.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT.

The accompanying report of the Attorney General shows the condition of the official business in his charge, and the disposition made of the public money collected by him during the past year. This report—containing as it does a particular statement of the action taken in all the cases in the hands of the Attorney General, during the period mentioned—is an exceedingly important one, and I specially invite the attention of the General Assembly to its contents. Some of the cases determined during the year were of great interest, both on account of the questions decided and the amounts of money involved. By the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in the Railroad Tax cases, the power of the Legislature to impose an *ad valorem* tax upon the property of certain railroad companies, has been settled adversely to the State.

During the year certain criminal prosecutions, commenced in the State Courts against Federal soldiers for alleged violations of law, were, by virtue of a statute of the United States, transferred to the Federal Circuit Court for trial. There is no provision of law for the prosecution of such cases in that court, and the Attorney General calls attention to the propriety of remedying the defect by legislation. He also suggests that the law be amended so as to enable the Comptroller General to traverse the correctness of tax returns made by railroad companies.

During last year suits were brought in the courts of Tennessee against the Western and Atlantic Railroad, for usually known as the "Tennessee Car Company contract." The aggregate amount of these claims is large, and the Attorney General, under instructions, retained Messrs. Cook, Van Dyke & Cook, to represent the State in the causes. These attorneys have entered the proper defense, and as far as possible have taken steps to protect the treasury against these fraudulent claims.

Before passing from the report of the Attorney General, it is not out of place to certify to the faithfulness and efficiency with which he has performed his public duties.

PENITENTIARY.

I herewith transmit the report of the Principal Keeper of the Penitentiary for the year just closed. It contains a full and satisfactory account of the operations of that institution during the period indicated. The number of convicts at the close of the year 1875 was 926, of whom 91 were white, and 835 were colored. In these figures are included 1 white and 30 colored female convicts.

The aggregate number of convicts at the close of last year was 1,108, of whom 114 were white and 994 were colored. The number of convicts received during the year was 404; the number of discharges 77; the number pardoned 18; the number of escapes 44; and the number of deaths 58.

The convicts were distributed among seven lessees, and were employed during the year in mining, agriculture and on public works. The number of escapes and of deaths is worthy of attention. It is believed that the sanitary measures and the general care of the lessees were equal to those of former years, when the mortality was much less, and that the unusual number of deaths is to be ascribed to the exceptional heat of the summer months (quite a number having died of sun-stroke) and to the diseased condition of many of the convicts when received into the Penitentiary. It is hoped that the changes soon to be inaugurated under the act passed at the last session, will produce a practical and permanent reform of all the evils existing in the present system.

In April last I published an advertisement inviting bids for the Penitentiary convicts under the provisions of the Act approved February 25, 1876. In response to the advertisement, bids were received and considered, and the convicts were let, under the provisions of the Act, to three companies, designated as Penitentiary Companies No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3. By the terms of their several contracts, these companies agreed to take the whole of the convicts for a period of twenty years, to commence after the expiration of the then existing leases, for the sum of $500,000, to be paid in twenty equal annual installments of $25,000. The company designated as Penitentiary Company No. 1 contracts to take three hundred able-bodied long term men, to be kept up to that number so long as there shall be so many in the Penitentiary. These convicts are to be employed in mining, as is provided by the statute referred to. The Companies Nos. 2 and 3 severally contract to take, each, one-half of the number of convicts remaining, and to keep and employ them as the law authorizing the lease requires.

Each company has given bond and security for the faithful performance of its contract, and for the management, control and safe-keeping of the convicts committed to its care. It is further stipulated in the contract, that in all cases where convicts under existing leases shall be thrown upon the hands of the State, the lessees under the new contracts shall take possession of the same, and shall hold, manage and control them according to the provisions of their several contracts and bonds until the first day of April, 1879, when the term of the twenty-year leases will commence to run.

These companies are composed of citizens of Georgia of high character, and in the contracts entered into with them the State possesses a guarantee that her criminals, while receiving humane treatment, will also cease, in a great degree, to be a burden to her honest and law-abiding people.

Since these several contracts were made, it has been found necessary to establish a permanent State Prison for each of the companies. That of Penitentiary Company No. 1 has been located at the mines of the Dade Coal Company, in the county of Dade; that of No. 2 at a point five miles west of the city of Albany, in the county of Dougherty; and that of No. 3 near Skull Shoals, in the county of Greene.

The Penitentiary question has thus been disposed of for a period of twenty years from and after the first day of April, 1879; and while the solution reached has not in all respects been entirely satisfactory, it is, nevertheless, in my judgment, the very best one which, under the circumstances, could have been made.

LUNATIC ASYLUM.

The report of the Trustees of the Lunatic Asylum shows the operations of that institution during the past year. The number of patients at the date of the report was six hundred and five, and the cost of their maintenance, including salaries of officers, for the year, was $88,816.65. The cost of maintaining each patient was 40 1-3 cents per diem, or $146.30 per annum. The cost in 1871 was 70 cents per diem, or $255.86 per annum for each patient, showing a reduction of nearly fifty per cent in the cost of maintenance. It is believed that there is but little room for improvement in the administration of the affairs of the Asylum. The expenses have been reduced to the lowest point consistent with efficient management, and with the benevolent aims of the institution.

The Trustees suggest that, by changes of the interior construction of the buildings, an addition of seventy-eight rooms, affording accommodation to nearly or quite one hundred patients, can be secured at a cost not exceeding $12,500. The Trustees also suggest that two additional brick buildings on the premises could be erected for the accommodation of one hundred and twenty-five patients, at a cost of less than $30,000. They also express the opinion that it will not be necessary for some years to come to make provision for more than one hundred additional patients. In this opinion I fully concur.

The General Assembly, at the last session, appropriated $30,000 for the purpose of constructing water works at the Asylum. I am gratified to be able to state that these works have been completed, and that an abundant supply of pure spring water is now furnished to the buildings.

On the night of the 15th December, 1876, a fire occurred at the Asylum, which destroyed the workshop and contents and the laundry house, with its valuable machinery and much clothing. The loss is a serious one to the institution, and regard to economy and convenience requires that it should be repaired with the least possible delay. More than $10,000 of the appropriation for the Asylum authorized last year has not been drawn, the saving of which is due to careful economy in the internal management of the institution.

I recommend that the appropriation asked for by the Trustees ($9,000) be made for the purpose of replacing the buildings destroyed, and refitting them with the requisite machines.

The Trustees submit estimates for the maintenance of the Asylum for the present year, to which I respectfully invite your attention. I also recommend that an investigation of the claim of Messrs. Bakes & McKelfresh against the Asylum, referred to in the report, be made, and that a sum sufficient to pay the amount found due them be appropriated.

DEAF AND DUMB ASYLUM.

Accompanying this communication will be found the annual report of the Trustees and Officers of the Institution for the Education of the Deaf and Dumb. According to the report, the affairs of the institution are in a satisfactory condition, and there is no immediate necessity for further legislation on its behalf.

Under a joint resolution of the General Assembly, approved February 25, 1876, a Board of Visitors, consisting of three citizens of the State, was appointed to visit this institution, and investigate any irregularities or deficiencies existing in its government. This Board was further required to report to the Governor and the General Assembly, at its next session, "what reforms and recommendations are necessary and proper for the better management and successful operation of the institution." A majority and a minority report have been submitted by the Board, which are herewith transmitted for the information of the General Assembly. These reports differ in relation to the best system of government for the institution, but not in reference to the management of its affairs under the existing system. The high character and intelligence of the members of the Board entitle their opinions to the careful consideration of the General Assembly.

GEORGIA ACADEMY FOR THE BLIND.

The condition of the Georgia Academy for the Blind is satisfactory, as appears from the report of the Board of Trustees. The Academy contains fifty-seven pupils, and their progress during the past year was highly encouraging. The sum of $4,654.38 was expended during the year in repairing and re-furnishing the main building, and in erecting and fitting up a substantial and commodious workshop on the grounds of the Academy. Provision has been made for a considerable addition to the number of pupils, and, also, for their better instruction in the useful arts.

PUBLIC PRINTER.

On the 6th of March last, the resignation of R. A. Alston, as Public State Printer, was accepted. On the 8th day of the same month, Henry G. Wright, of the county of Richmond, was appointed to fill the vacancy thus created, until the next meeting of the General Assembly. Proper bond and security were given, and Mr. Wright entered upon the discharge of his official duties. These have been creditably performed, but, by reason of the facts referred to, the execution of the public printing has been somewhat delayed. Among the subjects which will require the attention of the General Assembly, at the present session, is the election of State Printer, to fill the unexpired term of said office.

MACON AND BRUNSWICK RAILROAD.

A very full report by the State's Board of Directors, is transmitted herewith. The operations of the road for the past year, as therein set forth, may be briefly stated as follows:

Earnings for year ending November 30, 1876,	$317,829 18
Expense account to same date,	307,054 78
Net earnings,	$10,744 40
To the item of earnings it is legitimate to add a balance due from other roads, as per agreement for division of business and revenues, amounting to	$47,701 32
Making total net earnings,	58,445 72

Of the $47,701.32 due from other roads, as above, there has been paid, as per supplemental report, the sum of $18,097.62, leaving still a balance against them of $29,703.70, which every effort is being made to collect.

The policy of the State being to dispose of the road at the earliest day practicable, the efforts of the Directors have been rather to the improvement of its condition than the production of revenue. Much has been accomplished in this way, and the Board have advertised for sealed proposals of purchase or lease to be received up to the 23d day of January, instant. Should an acceptable bid be made, the road will be sold or leased; if not, there will be ample time for the General Assembly to take such action with regard to it as in its wisdom may seem most expedient. The various recommendations of the Directors are submitted for a like consideration.

NORTH AND SOUTH RAILROAD.

The report of the Receiver of this work shows that it is being operated at an expense to the State, its receipts being less than its expenditures, and with little prospect of improvement in this regard. The yearly account is thus stated:

Expense account,	$9,013 95
Earnings,	8,681 63
Excess of expense over earnings,	332 32

The shortness of the road, and the unfavorable character of the country which it traverses, preclude all idea of conducting it with profit to the State. The Receiver presents an alternative—either to extend the road at the State's expense to a point beyond the mountains, twelve miles distant from the present terminus, (much of the grading being already done), or else to sell the property for what it will bring. The whole matter is submitted for your decision without recommendation. I may remark, however, that I have seen no reason to change my opinion that the State will consult its best interest by ridding itself of all ownership in, and responsibility for, such property, even at a tolerable loss.

MEMPHIS BRANCH RAILROAD.

As stated in my message of January, 1875, the Memphis Branch Railroad, having complied with all the conditions of an Act entitled "An Act to extend the aid and loan the credit of the State of Georgia to the Memphis Branch Railroad Company," &c., approved October 22, 1870, and having made formal application for such aid, an Executive order was issued May 12, 1874, providing for the State's indorsement of the bonds of said company to the amount of thirty-four thousand dollars ($34,000), the same being one-half the estimated value of a section of said road then completed and equipped.

In the month of May, 1876, being first satisfied by competent testimony that the interest which accrued and became due on the bonds of the company thus indorsed by the State, on the first days of January and July of the year 1875, was not paid by the company when the same matured and became payable, by virtue of authority conferred by said Act of October 22, 1874, I seized and took possession of said road, with all its property, and placed the same in the hands of Robert T. Fouche, as agent, to hold and manage it for the benefit of the State. A copy of this order will be found among the accompanying documents, and this action is reported in order that the Legislature may take such further steps for the protection of the interest of the State, as affected by said indorsement, as to it may seem best.

DIRECT TRADE AND IMMIGRATION.

From the foundation of the government down to a very recent period, the tide of emigration from the Old World, upon reaching our shores, was, by skillful management, directed almost exclusively to the Northern and North-Western States of the Union. Not one in the hundred of the millions who have sought homes on the great North American continent, has found his way to the State of Georgia. I am glad to say that we now have it in our power to bring about a change in this respect, and to divert to our ports at least a portion of the large numbers of immigrants who still continue to seek work and homes in the New World. As the great advantages which we possess become known abroad, much interest is created among immigrants, and their agents and shippers; and, as a consequence, frequent applications have been addressed to the Governor, and other State officials, for information as to our climate, soil, and other cognate subjects. For this gratifying change, and the prospects which it holds out, we are indebted, primarily, to the salubrity of our unrivalled climate, and, secondarily, to the admirable work of our Geological and Agricultural Departments. These departments were organized in 1874, and yet their labors are already attracting increasing attention to the mineral and agricultural wealth of the State, both in this country and in Europe, and especially among immigrants.

In this connection, I beg leave to respectfully invite the attention of the General Assembly to the accompanying letter of Mr. J. S. Gartner, of New York City. It will be seen that he proposes to establish a line of ocean steamers between Savannah, in this State, and Liverpool, England, in the interest of Immigration and Direct Trade. His proposition, briefly stated, is as follows: That the Legislature shall secure to him, by an Act, the sum of $60,000, gold, per annum, for three years, in semi-annual payments: That, in consideration of this subsidy, he will contract to run between Savannah and Liverpool, stopping at Queenstown as occasion may require, a first-class steamer each month,—or oftener if the trade should warrant—adapted to the service and fitted for first-class, as well as for steerage passengers; That he will carry steerage passengers, or immigrants, for three pounds and ten shillings each, which is about one-half the usual fare between European ports and New York; and that he will commence the service as soon as the subsidy is secured, and the details for running the line are completed.

Under our present Federal revenue laws, foreign goods can be imported "in bond" to interior Southern and Western cities, and the establishment of a direct line of ocean steamers from Europe would thus enable the railroads of Georgia to compete with the trunk lines of the more northern States. In addition to this advantage, would be the benefit conferred on one of our own sea-ports, in the increased business brought to it, and the securing of a direct export by steamship, instead of by the circuitous and more expensive route through northern ports. Such a line would also give a great impetus to immigration, and to the sale and settlement of the large tracts of uncultivated land in the State. This, of itself, would secure to our people the speedy return of the cost of establishing direct steam communication with the Old World.

Such an enterprise would probably be attended with loss to the owners of the line in the beginning, and hence a subsidy is required until the undertaking can be started and placed beyond contingency. Similar grants of money, I believe, are usual in other States where it has been found desirable to encourage immigration.

The benefits to accrue to the State from the regular and systematic introduction of trained laborers, are too manifest to require argument. If we estimate the value to the State of each able-bodied man brought into it at $1,000, and allow that each immigrant brings with him $100 in cash, it will be seen that the annual arrival of one thousand immigrants would add to our working and actual capital $1,100,000 per annum. In ten years the addition to our wealth, upon a reasonable estimate, would be from $10,000,000 to $15,000,000, supposing there was no increase of the number of annual arrivals. These immigrants would require homes and work for themselves and families, and these we can supply upon reasonable terms. The territory of the State embraces about 58,000 square miles, or 37,120,000 acres of land, of which it is estimated that about $7,000,000 of acres only are in cultivation, leaving, say, 30,000,000 acres idle and unproductive. It is to the interest of every citizen of the State, proprietors and others, that these vast tracts of land should be brought into cultivation, and the sooner this is done the better for all.

If to the above estimated value to the State of every immigrant who arrives upon our shores we add the increased value of our lands and other property resulting from his settlement in our borders, some idea may be formed of the vast importance which attaches to the subject. The estimated value of the farms in Georgia in 1870, as shown by the last census, was, in round numbers, $94,000,000. The estimated value of the farms at the same time in Illinois, a comparatively new State, was $920,000,000, or ten times as much as the value of those in this State. This great disparity does not arise from the fact that the products of the lands in Illinois are ten times as valuable as are those of the lands in Georgia, but principally from the large immigration and settlement of skilled laborers, and the consequent larger area in cultivation in the former State. It is not assuming anything to say that what immigration has done for Illinois and other States, it will do for Georgia also, if we will but adopt the necessary measures to avail ourselves of its benefits.

Our colored laborers are annually removing, in considerable numbers, beyond the Mississippi, and those who remain behind will probably, not one in a hundred, ever become land owners; while of the hardy, industrious white immigrants who seek work among us, nearly all would invest their first earnings in the purchase of homes for themselves and families.

I therefore earnestly commend this subject to the consideration of the General Assembly, and suggest that the offer submitted by Mr. Gartner be accepted, the necessary appropriation made, and the Governor authorized to close the contract at the earliest day practicable.

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF STATE.

The attention of the General Assembly is respectfully invited to the accompanying report of the Secretary of State, and to the several suggestions therein made.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Upon the petition of the Municipal Authorities and of the Relief Association of the city of Brunswick, an Executive order was issued November 6, 1876, suspending the collection of the State tax in the county of Glynn, until the next meeting of the General Assembly. The petition represented that, by reason of the terrible epidemic through which the city of Brunswick was then passing, and the embarrassed condition of the tax-payers caused thereby, the enforced collection of the State tax at that time would work great hardship to the people of the county. Under the circumstances, I thought the request a proper one, and the petition was accordingly granted.

Paragraph 16, section 2, of the Act to levy a tax for the support of the government for the year 1876, is in the following words:

"Upon all dealers in patent or intoxicating bitters, brandy, fruit, or other articles of like character, the sum of twenty-five dollars for each place of business where such articles are sold."

In the early part of last year, petitions were received from the druggist of Atlanta, Macon, Savannah and Columbus, asking a suspension of the collection of said tax until the next meeting of the General Assembly. The petitioners represented that they were already taxed as druggist by the Federal Government in the sum of $25.00, and that besides a tax on sales, they paid to the State a specific tax of $25.00 for the privilege of vending drugs, medicines, &c. They contended that the paragraph referred to was admitted into the Tax Act of 1876 through inadvertence, or without due consideration, and asked that the opportunity for revision might be given to the Legislature.

The petition was granted by an Executive order issued June 8, 1876.

By a Joint Resolution of the General Assembly, approved February 25, 1876, the Governor was authorized to appoint a Board of Officers, nine in number, from the volunteer military organizations of the State, to revise that portion of the Code which relates to "The Volunteers."

The members of said Board were appointed during the past summer, and, I presume, the result of their deliberations will be placed before the General Assembly, at the present session, as said Resolution requires.

At the last session of the General Assembly three several Acts proposing amendments of the Constitution of this State, were passed, and received Executive approval. In order that said amendments should take effect, it is necessary that the Acts proposing them should be passed by "two successive Legislatures." If the present General Assembly should concur with its predecessor in regard to the merit of said amendments, it will therefore be necessary, that the action above indicated be taken at the present session.

By an Act of the last General Assembly, the Governor was directed to require from the Captain, or other officer, of such companies as were called out by reason of the insurrectionary movements in Washington and adjoining counties, a particular and sworn statement of the number of men and horses employed in such service, the time for which they were so employed, &c., and to report the same to the next General Assembly for their action. In obedience to the requirement of said Act, I transmit herewith such evidence of the service referred to, as has been received; and I earnestly recommend that the amount due therefor be ascertained, and that the sum adequate for the payment thereof be appropriated.

CONDITION OF THE STATE.

In surrendering the high trust confided to me by the people, I may be pardoned for referring in brief terms to some of the results which have been accomplished since my accession to office.

The public credit, as indicated by the daily quotations at the centres of trade and commerce, is equal to that of any State in the Union. Our public securities, rated at the time I entered the Executive office at thirty per cent. discount, are now above par. I found a recognized floating debt of more than one and a quarter million of dollars. The whole of this, amounting in exact figures to $1,277,788.25, or to an average sum of over $250,000 per annum, has been entirely paid. The State has been relieved of a fraudulently contracted debt of $6,500,000, while there has been no addition to the amount of the bonded debt of the State contracted on her own account. Any apparent increase of our public debt is the result of liabilities created by railroad charters granted under former administrations. These results have been accomplished without a material addition to the public burdens.

Throughout the State the stream of justice has moved with a smooth and steady flow. The law has been impartially administered, and not a breath of suspicion has soiled the ermine. Life, liberty and property have been faithfully guarded, and not a single human being, of any color or condition, can justly complain of oppression. The great and manifest improvement of our condition—social, educational and industrial—is due to the home-bred common sense, the desire for progress and love of justice, which characterize the people of Georgia. I allude to it in no spirit of personal boasting, and claim no great credit that should be accorded to the humblest citizen who discharges his duty in his appropriate vocation. I gratefully acknowledge that the reforms referred to in this communication, could not have been effected without the active support of patriotic citizens and the cordial co-operation of the representatives of the people.

FEDERAL RELATIONS.

Before closing this, my last annual communication to the General Assembly, I cannot forbear a brief reference to the grave circumstances which now surround us, and seem to threaten the existence of the liberties of the people.

On a given day, over eight millions of freemen, representing nearly forty-five millions of people, came forth from their abiding places and quietly proceeded to the ballot box, for the purpose of choosing their rulers for the next four years. This grave proceeding was characterized by the utmost good order, notwithstanding the presence, in many places, of the military forces of the government, sent thither to overawe the weak and ignorant, and to secure the election of particular candidates. The law pointed out the mode of selecting the President and Vice-President of the United States. The question as to who should fill these high offices, had been referred to the ballot box. The true result of that reference no candid mind can doubt. The election was held in pursuance of the laws of the United States, and of the several States. It was peaceable and orderly, and free from intimidation and violence. And yet, immediately after the election, we find a few adventurers, acting under the direction of ambitious leaders at the Federal capital, and backed by the military forces of the government, attempting, by fraud and chicane, to set aside the eminent statesmen chosen by the people, and to force into their places, persons whom the people, after a fair trial, had refused to elect.

The question arises here: Shall the candidates fairly and legally elected by the people be placed in office, or shall persons rejected at the ballot box be elevated to power? Shall law and order prevail, or shall fraud and violence have the mastery? Shall the people of the United States choose their own rulers, or shall political cheats and swindlers be permitted to perform that vital office for them? We have appealed to the ballot box: shall the result of this appeal stand, or shall it be set aside by force and fraud? If the latter, then our free institutions are already at an end, and constitutional liberty on the American continent has received its final blow.

The right of the people to choose their own rulers is the corner stone of a free Democratic republic; and when they voluntarily abdicate this invaluable privilege, or allow it to be wrenched from them, they have already obtained their own consent to become slaves. No more sacred cause can engage the patriotic efforts of a nation, than the firm maintenance of the fundamental right in all free governments to say who shall rule over it. This right, the people of Georgia, and, I trust, of every other State in our Federal Union, will never willingly abandon. No division of the dirty spoils of office, no promise of personal advancement, no engagement to withhold the iron hand of power, can ever compensate the people for the surrender of a right at once so dear to themselves, and so vital to the very existence of constitutional liberty.

The people of the United States are thus brought face to face with a most momentous responsibility. What shall be done? What shall we do? The motto of our noble State furnishes the safe guide for our own action in this solemn emergency: "Wisdom, Justice, Moderation." It is not for us to lead, or even to suggest, but to follow. It is the plain duty of Congress, by adhering to law and established precedent, to give effect to the clearly and legally expressed will of the people. But if Congress should, unhappily, fail to do this, then it is believed that the proper determination of the grave questions now confronting us can, in the last resort, be safely left to the sober judgment of the right-minded people in the Northern States. If it cannot, then we are powerless, and they, as well as ourselves, will have lost the inestimable right of freemen—the right of self-government. When they shall have decided what is proper to be done for the preservation of this right, it is assuming but little to say that the people of Georgia will be found ready to co-operate with them, [illegible] whole duty, under any and all circumstances.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, I beg to express my profound gratitude to the people of Georgia for the honor they have conferred upon me, and for the uniform support they have accorded my efforts to serve them. Deeply interested in all that concerns the welfare of my native State, it is to me a matter of sincere gratulation that her Chief Executive authority is soon to devolve upon the eminent citizen who has been called to succeed me by a popular majority unexampled in the annals of the State.

JAMES M. SMITH.

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KNIGHTS OF HONOR.

Public Installation of Officers To-Night.

The Knights of Honor will have a public installation of their officers to-night, in Good Templar's hall, corner of Broad and Marietta streets, at 7:30 o'clock.

Speeches will be made by Major W. F. Slaton, Colonel S. D. McConnell, General W. S. Walker and others. Members of the press, legislators, visiting knights and all others are invited to come and bring their wives.

Those who are unacquainted with the order will be interested and greatly entertained by the exercises of the evening. The Knights of Honor is a young and vigorous order in the state, slowly, steadily and surely progressing in importance and power, and embraces in its membership some of the best men in the state. Let all who would learn of its aims and benefits come out to-night.

Like Cleopatra.

It is said that the queen of the carnival to-night will not only be robed in eastern splendor, but that she will be dazzlingly beautiful as the "dark sorceress of the Nile." Can these things be? is the question. Those in quest of a royally rollicking evening with "Momus," will find it at DeGive's to-night.

KNIGHTS OF JERICHO.

Meeting of the Grand Lodge in Atlanta.

The Grand Lodge Knights of Jericho of Georgia met in Good Templar's Hall in this city on Wednesday, F. M. Springer, Sir Knight Grand Chief, presiding.

The committee on constitution made a report which was adopted. Under this new constitution a lady is eligible to hold any office.

William Bell was appointed Assistant Grand Secretary.

A committee consisting of F M Springer, W J Warlick, Andrews, King and Zimmerman were appointed to revise the ritual in three books, one for stem degree, to report at the meeting of the grand lodge in August, 1877.

The chief, vice-chief and secretary were appointed a committee to take charge of printing the constitution, by-laws and rules of order.

The following officers were elected and installed:

J R Love, grand vice-chief.

W L Jones, grand worthy marshal.

J H Hawley, grand guard.

Thanks were tendered to Unding Lodge for the use of their hall.

The publication of the Living Age was endorsed.

The Grand Duke Alexis.

It is a significant fact that this Russian prince, with a portion of the royal fleet, should have arrived off Charleston a multitude ously with old Rex's grand carnival ball in Atlanta. Are they to be here to-night? If so, why?

A Distinguished Compliment.

The following postal card from Hungary shows that the people of that country are an enlightened people and desire to be fully posted on affairs in the United States. Mr. Bela Birkenheuer is a distinguished teacher and his request will be cheerfully complied with. THE CONSTITUTION labors to supply the news hungry-ones.

Liebe Redactieuren—Erdreiste mich, in ihrem interesse, um ein oder zwei von Ihr beruemten Blattes vergebens zu bitten.

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BELA BIRKENHEUER.
Lehrer zu Toronial, Szecsany, Ungarn.

Let it be Understood.

Every person upon gaining admission to the Carnival Ball tonight in costume will be required to unmask the face in an antechamber, before a committee of the Brotherhood, before passing further. The "12th Night Brotherhood," upon whom rests the responsibility for the utmost decorum, feel that it becomes them to rigidly assert this regulation in every instance.

Hymenial Notes.

For some time past society has been on the "qui vive" in regard to the marriage of our popular friend, Mr. Jack M. Johnson, to one of Atlanta's reigning belles, Miss Lizzie B Jones, which occurred at the residence of the bride's parents, in this city, on yesterday.

Both the groom and his beautiful and accomplished bride have occupied a prominent position in all of our affairs of social interest for some time past, and each have won a host of friends who join us in the hope that they will realize the brightest anticipations in a long life of wedded happiness and prosperity.

According to our authority on recent customs, there were no bridesmaids, but eight gentlemen attendants represented in the persons of Capt. T. L. Ross, of Macon, W. E. Ragan, J. P. Stevens, J. F. Mobley, S. S. Floyd, C. D. Meador, Osgood A. Sanders and J. G. Lowry.

The bride never looked more lovely—in a magnificent dress of pale blue silk and the appropriate accompaniment of orange flowers which only enhanced the general effect of her loveliness.

At no wedding in Atlanta have we ever seen a greater number of handsome presents, their richness and beauty bearing testimony to the great popularity of the bridal couple.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. C. Houte in the impressive form of the Episcopal church.

Congratulations over, a magnificent banquet was served at the residence of the bride's parents.

The couple left on the morning train on a bridal tour to New Orleans and other cities.

The Queen.

Who is to preside to-night as Empress in the royal realm of fun and frolic at DeGive's is the mooted question? The charming brunette from Savannah is suspected, while LaGrange and Augusta are believed to have rival candidates in the field. Beauty will shine resplendently, and fun will be the watchword. But who is to be queen?

Patrons of Husbandry.

The executive committee of the State Grange were in session yesterday, and will be in session to-day.

The executive committee have made ample arrangements for the building up of languishing granges, and collecting all available material for a healthy and active organization. Also authorized our state agent Mr. Keiner to confer with manufacturers of commercial fertilizers for lower figures, both cash and credit option.

The place and time of next meeting of the State Grange being left with the executive committee, that committee will receive any proposition from cities desiring the same, or to accept any offers, &c. The committee congratulated the order on the present change for the better with pleasure, as we: that a large majority of supply lists have been raised at home which had been contributed by the organization. And we notice the Farmers of Hall county in Georgia their first annual fair, and will soon be holding their annual fair, and will soon be holding their annual fair, and will soon be holding their

—Mr. Ed. Houser, of Fort Valley, was tossed by an angry bull the other day. He says a bull's breath smells as mellow as a May apple.

—The Fort Valley Mirror says the colored people are moving about less this year than usual. A majority of them will stay where they are for another year. This is wise in them. It is folly to change around every year with the expectation of bettering their condition. When they get with good men and are comfortably situated they should remain there. It matters not how poor a man may be he loses something every time he moves.

—Thomasville will greet the press convention with a May fair.

—Dr. Lee Mason, of Macon county, is dead.

—The Fort Valley Mirror says that a party of fifteen or twenty negroes left Powersville, in Houston county, last Thursday for Texas. Let them go, the sooner they are gone the better it will be for the country. In their places, we want intelligent and thrifty white people who will help pay taxes, support schools, patronize newspapers, build machine shops and aid in adding something to the material wealth of the country. This country is cursed with a large number of non-producing people of both colors.

—The editor of the Jonesboro News remarks: "It's a girl, but I name it Joe Brown, anyhow, for two reasons. First, I had already selected its name; secondly, I want her friends and relatives in after-life to know that her father had at least an admiration for Georgia's most reliable and able statesman who for nearly a quarter of a century has stood at the helm, or on the watch-tower, of our dear old state; whose counsels have always been for the ultimate good of the people, and who still stands forth the most fearless defender of right, and the most daring foe to oppose misrule and oppression."

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Disease Grows Apace,

Like an ill wind, and cannot be mastered successfully. What is a trifling attack of sickness to-day may, if unattended to, become a serious case in a week. Small ailments should be stopped in the bud before they blossom into full blown maladies. If this advice were attended to, many a heavy bill for medical attendance might be avoided. When the liver is disordered, the stomach foul the bowels obstructed, or the nerves disturbed, a cure should at once be had in that supreme remedy, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, a few doses of which will restore healthy action and put the system in perfect order. It is a wise precaution to keep this incomparable preventive in the house, since it checks, with unrivaled promptitude, disorders which breed others far more dangerous, and in their latest developments prove themselves often fatal. jan-d2w1t

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Notice in Bankruptcy.

THIS is to give notice that on the 9th day of January, A. D., 1877, a warrant in Bankruptcy was issued against the estate of William J. Fowler of Fulton county, of Campbell and State of Georgia, who has been adjudged a Bankrupt on his own petition, and that the payment of any debts, and the delivery of any property belonging to such Bankrupt, to him or for his use, and the transfer of any property by him are forbidden by law; that a meeting of the creditors of said Bankrupt, to prove their debts and to choose one or more assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden at the Virginia House at Newnan, Georgia, before Lemuel T. Downing, Esquire, Register, on the 3d day of February, A. D., 1877, at 10 o'clock a. m.

W. H. SMYTH,
United States Marshal, as Messenger.
jan12—d1t

Notice of Dissolution.

THE firm of Pendleton and Palmer is dissolved, by mutual consent. H. C. Pendleton assumes all the liabilities and will collect all debts due the late firm. H. C. PENDLETON,
J. C. PALMER

HAVING bought out the entire interest of Mr J. C. Palmer, I will continue the business at the old stand, No. 84 Whitehall street. Thanking the public for their liberal patronage in the past I respectfully ask for their support and encouragement in the future.

jan12—d1aw3w H. C. PENDLETON.

Byington Hotel,

Opposite Passenger Depot,

GRIFFIN, GEORGIA.

THE Dinner House for Up Passenger Train Meals 50 cents. Terms easy.

HENRY McKINNEY,
jan13—d1f Proprietor.

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NEWNAN, GA.

E. C. YANCEY, Proprietor.

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PROF. A SCHULTZE,
dec9—d1y 97 Whitehall Street.

Notice of Publication of Sheriff's Sales.

FROM and after this date the Sheriff's Sales of Fulton county will be published in The Atlanta Constitution.

A. M. PERKERSON, Sheriff
jan4—d2d Fulton county.

C. W. ADAIR, Auctioneer.

Holbrook Property.

ON PETERS STREET.

WILL sell, on the premises, at three o'clock, Thursday evening, 20th instant, a 6 room Cottage, fronting 50 feet on Peters street, besides a 10 foot entrance, next door east of G. H. Adair's Mansion on Washington street.

This is a cosy, comfortable place, convenient to schools, churches, &c.

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MACON & BRUNSWICK RAILROAD FOR SALE OR LEASE.

OFFICE MACON & BRUNSWICK R. R. CO.
MACON, Ga., December 4, 1876.

BY virtue of authority given by the General Assembly of the state of Georgia, in the act approved March 6, 1876, the undersigned offer for sale or lease the Macon and Brunswick Railroad, together with the franchise, equipment and other property which was sold on the first Tuesday in June, 1876, as the property of the Macon and Brunswick Railroad Company, and bought by the Governor of Georgia, in the name of the state. Also, such additional property as has since been acquired for said Railroad.

The road is now in operation from Macon to the city of Brunswick, a distance of 188 miles with a branch from Eastman to Hawkinsville, about 40 miles.

Sealed bids are invited by 12 o'clock m. on the 20th day of January, 1877, for the lease or sale of the Macon and Brunswick Railroad Company, conveyed in behalf of the state by virtue of the act approved December 6, 1876, and the property will be delivered to the successful bidder on the 1st day of February, 1877.

The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

For further information address the undersigned at Macon, Ga.

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Ten Cent Column.

Advertisements of "WANTED," "For Sale," "To Rent," "Lost and Found," &c., will be inserted in this column at TEN CENTS a line, each insertion. All advertisements in this column must be paid for in advance; and none will be taken for less than thirty cents.

FOR SALE—A small Farm of 40 acres, 1½ miles from the main, two-minute fill exhibition, balance well timbered; on it is about 100 bearing Wild Goose and 50 Cot vines. Also one or two of good water. Apply to A. Lambert, P. O. city. jan12—d3t

A FEW MORE Members of the Legislature can obtain first class board and lodging at reasonable prices, only two blocks from the Capitol. By early application at No. 50 Walton street. jan12—d1t

WANTED—A situation in the country, by a young man 17 years old. Has had one year's experience in farming. Can give references. Address J. B. L. Constitution office. jan9-d3t

SASH, and all sizes of Sash Doors 1 and Blinds, at Bottom Prices. 23 Decatur street. Jennings & Co. jan13—d3w

BOARD—Several gentlemen can be furnished with good board, with or without lodging, at 39 Mills street. 2 minutes walk of the Capitol. jan13—d 1

WANTED—Three good Traveling Agents, to sell an article used in every business house. Apply to Dr. J. H. Morgy, Cannon House, between 8 and 10 a. m. and 6 and 8 p. m. jan11—d3t

WANTED TO BUY FOR CASH—One or two acres of land fronting the W. & A. or M. & W. R. R., within or near the city limits. Address Land, P. O. Box 329. jan10-d3t

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE.—Good board and lodgings can be had on reasonable terms, at the "Leyden Mansion," 134 Peachtree street, next to the Governor's Mansion and convenient to the Capitol. Apply to Mrs. Dr. Roy. jan10—d1w

TO Members of the Legislature at the St Adam Hotel, 40½ Decatur street, a few can get elegant rooms and board, at $5 00 per week. jan4—d1w

FOR RENT—The handsome corner now occupied by Wm. A. Haygood, the Carpet Merchant of Atlanta. Possession given February 1st. Apply on the premises, 21 Marietta street. jan4—d2t, wd, sd, tu&sun

I. R. RIPLEY, 61 Whitehall street, has just received a large lot of Glass Ware, Silver Plated Goods, Table Cutlery, Looking Glasses, Crockery, &c., and is prepared to sell for cash at Bottom Prices—wholesale and retail. jan10—d3t, wed&sun

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FOR RENT—An elegant Brick Store on Main street, Madison, Georgia. Terms reasonable. Apply to or address J. F. Patterson, Madison, Ga. dec6—dcod1w

FOR RENT—An 8-room house, corner Calhoun and Gilmer streets. For terms, apply to Mrs. Wm. Barnes. No. 50 Calhoun street. dec27-dec23 s

FOR RENT—That three story brick House, corner Forsyth and Peters. Apply to W. P. Inman. jan10—d1

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AIKEN, S. C.

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J. G. TRAMMELL.
Norcross, Ga., October 31, 1876—d3t

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Planters' Hotel,

Cor. Barnard and Bryan Streets,

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Reserved Seats, by the Gallery, for sale at Phillips & Crew's Music Store, at $1 00.

In view of the disturbed condition of the country, occasioned by political differences, His Royal Majesty has seen fit to command that there shall be no ball this year.

By order of the PERSIDENT.

jan9-d4t

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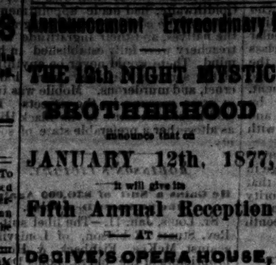

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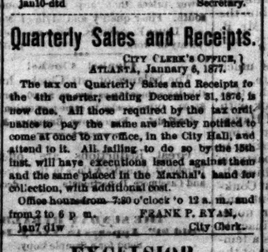

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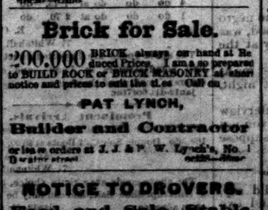

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Stockholders Meeting Atlanta Street R. R. Co.

THE regular annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Atlanta Street Railroad will be held at G. W. Adair's office, on Tuesday, the 16th instant, at 11 o'clock a. m. G. W. ADAIR,
jan10-d3d Secretary.

Quarterly Sales and Receipts.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE,
ATLANTA, January 4, 1877.

The tax on Quarterly Sales and Receipts for the 4th quarter, ending December 31, 1876, is now due. All those required by the tax ordinance to pay the same are hereby notified to come at once to my office, in the City Hall, and attend to it. All failing to do so by the 15th inst. will have executions issued against their and the same placed in the Marshal's hand for collection, with additional cost.

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FRANK P. RYAN,
jan7 d1w City Clerk.

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nov28—d1m Successors to Randin & Smith.

Fayette County Deputy Sheriff's Sale

WILL be sold before the Court House door in Fayetteville, Fayette county, Georgia, on the first Tuesday in January, 1877, the following property, to-wit:

One Buggy and harness, ranging from blue to six years old; three thousand pounds of Corn, more or less, one thousand Oats, more or less, the property of J. E. D'Antignac, as the same belonged to the estate of Mrs. Mary Ann Fayette, deceased, and sold to pay the debts of said estate.

This 3d day of January, 1877.

JOHN W. REDWINE,
jan4—d30d Deputy Sheriff.

Opinion Published.

ANNUAL STATEMENT

—OF—

C. M. PAYNE,

County Treasurer of Fulton county, Ga.

1876.		
January 1.	Balance on hand	$ 3,339 60
January 3.	Received of Daniel Pittman, retail license	225 00
January 4.	Received of W H Walker, tax for 1876	10,089 00
January 4.	Received of R P Blake, road taxes	1 00
January 4.	Received of B F Walker, road taxes	2 25
January 5.	Received of W H Venable, jury fee	9 00
February 11.	Received of D Pittman, for 3 fi. fa's, tax 1876	2,250 12
February 15.	Received of W H Venable, jury fee	9 00
February 16.	Received of W S Walker, tax 1875	12,000 00
March 2.	Received of W H Venable, jury fee	9 00
March 10.	Received of W S Walker, tax 1876	5,000 00
March 28.	Received of J Caldwell, road taxes	1 25
May 5.	Received of Daniel Pittman, retail license	225 00
May 5.	Received of W H Venable, jury fee	9 00
May 19.	Received of W H Venable, jury fee	6 00
May 30.	Received of J D Collier, jury fee	3 00
June 20.	Received of W H Venable, jury fee	3 00
June 22.	Received of W H Venable, jury fee	3 00
September 14.	Received on account of interest	109 20
October 2.	Received on account of interest	181 50
October 20.	Received of W S Walker, tax	1,000 00
November 2.	Received of McConnell and Harwood, jury fee	6 00
November 3.	Received on account of interest	45 00
November 22.	Received of W S Walker, tax 1876	2,000 00
November 21.	Received of W H Venable, jury fee	3 00
December 6.	Received of W S Walker, tax 1876	5,000 00
December 15.	Received of W H Venable, jury fee	12 00
December 19.	Received of W S Walker, tax 1876	96 04
December 27.	Received of W S Walker, tax 1876	2,000 00
December 30.	Amount disbursed in 1876	$49,009 78
December 30.	To balance account	5,605 29
		$55,319 38 $55,319 07
1877.		
January 1.	To balance on hand	$ 5,605 29

ATLANTA, GA., January 11, 1877.

Hon. DANIEL PITTMAN, Ordinary, Fulton county, Georgia.

Dear Sir—Above you will find an abstract, statement of the receipts and disbursement of record in my office for the year 1876. My vouchers and books showing disbursements are at your disposal for examination according to law. It is presumable that the probable current expenses for the ensuing year, appertaining to the Superior and City Courts, Jail, Roads, Bridges, Paupers, &c., will be but little in excess of the year 1876.

Respectfully submitted.

C. M. PAYNE,
jan18—d4t County Treasurer of Fulton county, Georgia.

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Special Announcement

—TO THE—

LEGISLATURE

—AND TO THE—

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dec31—d1f

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Pr. T. Anthony comes highly recommended by such men as Judge Reese, Hon. Sam'l Barrall and General D. M. Dubose, of Ga. Legislature, and by Hon. A. H. Stephens, Rev. J. S. Lamar, Hon. A. R. Akerman, and others of different parts of Georgia and other States. We bespeak for him a liberal patronage

For particulars, write for a circular.

JAMES F. SIMMONS,
Norcross, Ga., January 2, 1877—d4w President, &c.

Lagrange Female College,

LAGRANGE, GEORGIA.

THE Spring Term of this old and well organized Institution, under the Presidency of Rev. J. R. Mayson, will open January 10th. Prof. Schumacher in charge of Music Department. Miss McFall will take charge of all pupils on their way to LaGrange on Tuesday the 9th. Leave Atlanta at eleven o'clock. jan4 d1w

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J. N. BRADSHAW,
President.

Covington, Ga., January 2, 1877—d3w 2w11

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THE next session of this well established, private, select, high school will open 15th JANUARY. Its location is accessible, healthful and attractive. Being in the country, it has no temptations of a character to tempt a student into idleness or dissipation. It furnishes a thorough Academic Course in Science, Mathematics and the Ancient Languages. Students board with the Rector and their habits are as carefully guarded, day and night, as those of his own sons. Number restricted. None admitted under 12 years of age. Board and Tuition, $250 50 per quarter. Send for Circulars.

Address JOHN H. FITTEN,
jan5—dtw3w Adairsville, Ga.

Female Seminary.

REV. FERDINAND JACOBS, D.D., formerly of Charleston, subsequently of Laurensville Female College, S. C., will open, Tuesday, January 2, at his residence No. 82 South Cryor street, a School for Girls and Young Ladies.

He trusts he is sufficiently known as a Teacher, to secure for him the confidence of parents and guardians. He is permitted to refer to the following named gentlemen:

Rev. Dr. Leftwich, Maj John Bowie, Col. Sam'l B. Spencer, Mr. W. A. Moore, Rev. Mr. Martin, Rev. Dr. John Jones, H. B. Lee, M. D.

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